

Monday, March 15, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2613–S2693

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 604–621. **Page S2648**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process. (S. Rept. No. 106–14) **Page S2648**

Measures Passed:

Nursing Home Resident Protection Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 540, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid Program. **Pages S2692–93**

National Missile Defense Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 257, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2625–46**

Pending:

Cochran Amendment No. 69, to clarify that the deployment funding is subject to the annual authorization and appropriation process. **Pages S2625–26**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and Amendment No. 69 (listed above) with a vote to occur on the pending amendment at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 16, 1999. **Page S2646**

Commending Senator Kerrey—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of a resolution commending Honorable J. Robert Kerrey, United States Senator from Nebraska, on the 30th Anniversary of the events giving rise to his receiving the Medal of Honor. **Page S2693**

Appointment:

Congressional Budget Office: The Chair, pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of Public Law 93–344, announced on behalf of the President pro tempore of

the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the joint appointment of Mr. Dan L. Crippen as Director of the Congressional Budget Office, effective February 3, 1999, for the term of office expiring on January 3, 2003. **Page S2692**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16). **Page S2646**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S2693**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 16, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2693.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TOBACCO AND MEDICAID SETTLEMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the Health Care Financing Administration's obligation under